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Hickman County was once the land o' cotton. One of the most northern points in the nation which produced cotton, the county had three cotton gins in the 1920's and 30's to process the fluffy fiber. Over 4,400 bales were produced in 1925. There's not a cotton plant to be seen in the area now.

TWILIGHT NEAR THE RIVERS

On an afternoon in April the waning light
near the confluence of the Ohio
and the Mississippi touches the fields of winter wheat
and the new grass along the banks of the creek
so gently that we cannot perceive more than
a wide brushing of an acrylic yellow.

We learned from a master that nothing
golden can linger, even for a painter,
and so we capture for a moment a panorama,
unrecorded for the rest of the world.

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